

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PENG GUO,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER
RESEARCH CENTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C22-193-RSL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Pursuant to this Court's Order Regarding Settlement Conference (dkt. # 22), the parties and their counsel were directed to appear on September 6, 2022, for a settlement conference to be conducted over the Zoomgov.com platform. (*Id.* at 1.) As previously noted in the Court's Order, consideration of settlement is a serious matter that requires thorough preparation prior to the settlement conference (*Id.* at 2.) Therefore, this Court requires that the parties follow certain procedures prior to the scheduled settlement conference. (*Id.*)

Relevant to the instant matter, each party was required to submit a confidential settlement letter to the Court on or before noon on September 2, 2022. (Dkt. # 22 at 3.) The parties were advised that failure to submit a confidential settlement letter would result in the rescheduling or cancellation of the settlement conference. (*Id.* at 4.)

1 Here, Plaintiff has failed to timely submit his confidential settlement letter to the Court.
2 Furthermore, the Court's efforts to contact Plaintiff's counsel since the expiration of the filing
3 deadline by both email and phone have been unsuccessful.

4 Accordingly, Plaintiff is directed to SHOW CAUSE by **September 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**,
5 why: (1) the settlement conference in this matter should not be cancelled; and (2) why
6 Defendants should not be awarded their attorney's fees and costs for their time and effort
7 expended in preparing for the settlement conference.

8 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties and to the Honorable
9 Robert S. Lasnik.

10 Dated this 2nd day of September, 2022.

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12 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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